

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed April 18, 2006, a restriction requirement was imposed. In particular, the Office Action states that claims 1-12 and 15-17 (Group I) are distinct from claims 13 and 14 (Group II). Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 1-12 and 15-17 (Group I).

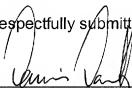
The Examiner also stated that Group I includes two distinct species. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-12 are directed toward Specie A and claims 15-17 are directed toward Specie B. At this time, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention included in claims 15-17 (i.e., Specie B).

In view of the election of Specie B, claims 1-14 have been withdrawn from the present application without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to the subject matter of withdrawn claims 1-14 prior to the issuance of a patent on those claims elected for further prosecution at this time.

Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been overlooked to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

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